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A POLITICAL BAROMETER.

The man or the city without optimism is handicapped in the very keen competition of progress in America.—George Hanson Towers.

"BLUNDERING DIPLOMACY."

Though Japanese generally appear to uphold their government in its demands on China, there are not lacking caustic home critics of the Tokio policy. Even admitting that the Japanese aim is honorable, these critics find little satisfaction in the manner in which the demands have been pressed at Tokio.

The Japan Advertiser, ably edited and already on record as believing that Japan intends no wrong to China, nevertheless characterizes the Japanese policy as "blundering." The editorial writer thus comments:

There is the case of Tsingtau, as an example. The ultimatum to Germany which was delivered on August 15 advised Germany to deliver on a date not later than September 15 to the Imperial Japanese authorities, without condition or compensation, the entire leased territory of Kiaochow with a view to the restoration of the same to China. Japan was not called upon at that time to mention the restoration of Kiaochow to China. She might well have remained silent on the question. But not only was the restoration mentioned in the ultimatum, but apparently the authorities made no effort to counteract the general impression that Japan was pledged to return the territory.

Here was a series of blunders for which the Foreign Office must be held responsible. In the first place, why mention the restoration of Tsingtau at all if it was not intended to restore it if Germany fought? Everyone knew that Germany would fight. If it was meant that the place would not be restored if Germany fought, then why not have made it plain in the ultimatum? Or if this was not done, why allow the impression to get abroad that Japan was under pledge to China? The gratuitous mention of the restoration of Kiaochow and the course of action which followed has succeeded only in placing Japan in a bad light, and has caused many to suspect her sincerity. A little more care on the part of the foreign office might have avoided all this.

The second series of blunders of the foreign office came with the presentation of the demands on China, for here, as with the Tsingtau incident, foreign observers find more to criticize in the method in which the demands were presented than the demands themselves. The excessive preparations for secrecy first aroused suspicion, for if there was in the demands nothing contrary to the treaties which Japan has signed regarding China, there was no particular need for secrecy. Furthermore, Japanese diplomats must have known that there are no secrets in Peking that cannot be learned by people whose business it is to get such information.

This "blundering diplomacy," we suspect, really means that the military party in Japan has forced on the Okuma ministry an unwelcome thing—the Chinese situation. Okuma virtually pledged his ministry to restore Tsingtau to China, yet a few months later he is found acquiescing in the Tokio demands.

And the Japanese are impatient even now at the Tokio negotiations. The People's Diplomacy Association, which evidently assumes to tell the government what it should do, recently held a meeting and passed this resolution:

Resolved: That Japan should not give way even an inch in these twenty-one clauses of demand which are the basis of the present negotiations. That China should be made to reply to Japan's demands either in affirmative or negative in a certain fixed period. That no power should be permitted to interfere in the negotiations.

No wonder that China is gravely alarmed and that the missionaries there have cabled a 5000-word appeal to President Wilson. It will take more than Sir Edward Grey's assurance of yesterday to convince the Chinese that any of the European Powers will stand up now for the principle of the "open door."

CITY GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE.

The house has tabled the bill which would transfer milk inspection from the city and county to the territory, and for two years more at least the municipality retains its authority over the handling of milk on Oahu.

The house vote was undoubtedly due very largely to the fact that the present city administration was able to show considerable activity in inspecting milk, whereas under the last administration the municipal inspection was a farce.

The city officials should not, however, make the mistake of believing that Honolulu can mix politics and milk successfully. It can't be done. The inspection must be efficient and to be efficient politics must be subordinated.

The city has been given another chance to make good on what properly is a municipal function. If it doesn't make good in the next two years, the same sort of a bill will appear in the legislature and will receive even stronger support than this one received.

Secretary Bryan's verbal castigation of Admiral Peary gives rise to the suspicion that William Jennings sees in the polar explorer a real competitor on the Chautauqua circuit.

Chicago's recent mayoralty election is hailed by the Republicans as another sign that the G. O. P. is "coming back" and coming back strong.

The Windy City went Republican by nearly 150,000, a record majority, for William Hale Thompson, the Republican candidate for mayor. Particularly in the "industrial wards" such as those where the steel mills are situated, was the shift from Democracy to Republicanism emphatic.

There is no question that in Illinois the Republicans and Progressives are united. Former Governor Deneen, commenting on the results of the municipal election, summed it up by saying:

"The significance of today's election returns in their bearing on the campaigns of 1916 cannot be overestimated.

"This victory indicates, first, that the Republicans and Progressives are reunited, surely in Illinois, and with little doubt in the country at large.

"Secondly, it shows that the businessmen and the wage earners are together again. The man in the street has learned what a Democratic administration means."

DAUNTLESS POLAND.

The dauntless courage and the repeated disasters of unhappy Poland have been thrown once again into the world's notice by the lime-light of war. Poles all over the world, suffering with their brethren in Europe, are lightening the best they can the cruel burden of want and harassment inflicted by the armies that alternate in possession of the torn soil. Even in far-off Hawaii representatives of this sorely-beset race are giving to their more needy comrades at home.

"Free Poland" is the title of a little publication that has come to the Star-Bulletin. It is published in Chicago. If there were any question as to what Poland wants in this war, this printed spokesman should settle it. Poland want independence—both of Russia and of Germany.

Here is an extract:

"The brave Polish soldier is fighting his own brother in another uniform. He is driven against his own race in what should be his own country.

"The Prussian Pole and the Austrian Pole are forced by militarism to invade the country of the Russian Pole and devastate the land.

"Add this horror of horrors to all the Belgian horrors and in some measure we can understand the terrible plight of the Polish race in this hour of agony. The mortality list among the Polish soldiers is said to be the heaviest in the war. This is accounted for in the claim that they are sent foremost in the ranks of the invaders, and therefore bear the brunt of every onslaught. In any event they are fighting brother against brother and against their will.

"The Pole will fight to the death for liberty. The history of Poland is an inspiration as far as heroic sacrifice is concerned. As well undertake to stop the earth in its course as to try to quench the desire for freedom in the heart of a Pole. Were he fighting his own fight he would be prepared for any fate, but his present situation is the most trying ordeal a race has ever endured.

"This people, in spite of the terrible calamity that has overtaken them, are sustained by the fixed and firm hope that out of it all will come the reward of their long and faithful fight for freedom and the realization of their dream of ages for a reunited and integrated Poland. Millions died, that Caesar might be great, and in this war of nations, millions have died but for what purpose is not yet apparent. Millions more will die, not to make a Caesar, but where so many die a purpose will develop, and in the first line of possibilities is an end of militarism, freedom of smaller states and independence of natural nations."

These are the days of slaughter in the legislature. Unless a bill has some friends to see it through, its chances are mighty slim.

Reports from Syracuse indicate that the colonel is making a stump speech instead of giving testimony in a libel suit.

Rumors of peace are heard in Italy but the other Powers go right on killing men as fast as possible.

King and commoner are uniting in driving the snakes out of England.

KAUAI SCHOOLS HIGHLY PRAISED BY DR. WADMAN

Returns From an Educational Campaign of the Anti-Saloon League

In pursuance of the educational campaign of the Anti-Saloon League, Dr. John W. Wadman, superintendent of the local branch, returned from Kauai this morning on the W. G. Hall, where he spent eight days visiting the public schools, distributing literature and making addresses in churches, etc. The tour included a visit to 14 schools all the way from Kekaha to Hanalei, with 22 addresses in all, covering a distance of 150 miles in auto with some in hack. This does not include all the government schools on Kauai, but all the larger ones except Kealia, which unfortunately owing to a bad carburetor had to be omitted. This school under the care of Prof. Cyril O. Smith, a well known educationalist, is one of the best and most interesting schools of the territory, says Dr. Wadman, and well worth a visit on the part of all visitors to Kauai.

"In fact, the schools of the Garden Island are all in an excellent condition, exceedingly well conducted and no better educational work is being done in the territory. Vocational training has been inaugurated under the direction of Mr. C. H. Albaugh at Waimea, where Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown are in charge, Kolihou with Mr. John Bush as principal, Elele in the care of Principal Morse and Lihue where Miss Mumford is the efficient principal. All these schools are attended by several hundreds of pupils including a score or more of nationalities and are unusually well conducted institutions.

"Lihue High School, with Professor Avery in charge, has made a most encouraging beginning. The Garden Island people are greatly delighted with its splendid inauguration and hope for its greater enlargement and growth as the years come and go.

Among other schools to which Mr. Wadman referred were those at Hanalei with Mrs. S. A. Cliffe in charge, with its most impressive morning flag drill, and at Kilaeua where Mrs. Josephine Chamberlain is the faithful principal.

"There is no more energetic supervisor in the territory than Mr. H. H. Brodie, while Mr. Raymond, the inspector-general, lends a hand occasionally and is deservedly popular on Kauai.

"It is a pleasure for an outsider to find the work of the educational department of the islands so successfully handled as it is now being done by Superintendent H. W. Kinney with his board of commissioners in close and sympathetic touch. With such fine work being accomplished all over these islands in our government schools, the future is bright for an intelligent and loyal American citizenship."

Mr. Wadman addressed the convention of Kauai's Christian workers at Waimea in the interests of temperance and preached for Mr. Lydgate Sunday morning last in the Union church at Lihue.

The convention was one of the most interesting and successful occasions of the kind ever held on the Garden Island. Upwards of 600 were present, representing every section of the island and at the "Hoke" held Sunday afternoon with Kauai's grand old man and veteran Bible school worker, Hon. W. H. Rice, Sr., in charge. His address made a profound impression and the singing at that service excelled, it is said, any ever heard before at a similar convention, which is saying a great deal.

BUILDING SUBMARINE TO STAY UNDER WATER FOR AT LEAST 100 DAYS

[By Latest Mail] NEW YORK, N. Y.—The United States government is building at the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H., a submarine of a type that will come any boat of the kind in existence in the matter of undersea steaming radius and which will be equipped with apparatus designed and built by Thomas A. Edison that will enable its crew to live for a period of 100 days at the bottom of the sea if the craft should meet with an accident similar to that which disabled the F-4 in Honolulu harbor.

This announcement was made by Miller Reese Hutchinson, chief engineer to and personal representative of Edison. It is asserted the new Edison batteries will give the submarine undersea cruising radius of over three times that of any present submarine, and will eliminate the danger to the crew of chlorine and sulphuric acid gas poisoning.

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Personal Mention

JAMES M. HIND is leaving for the mainland in the Oahu Mail, leaving tomorrow.

JOHN S. RICHARD of Pahoa, Puna, Hawaii, is in the city, attending the federal court as a trial juror.

MR. and MRS. ARTHUR J. STRATTON of Seattle arrived today on the liner Niagara. They are on their honeymoon trip.

FORMER MAYOR J. J. FERN, now city jailer, is seriously ill at his home in Kapiolani park. His ailment is blood poisoning.

MR. and MRS. J. S. RITTERBAND of San Francisco, Cal., arrived on the Manoa and have an apartment at the Pleasanton hotel.

C. S. DAVSON, a passenger on the liner Niagara, is a former governor of Demetera and now on his way to Fiji as lord chief justice.

HON. JAMES ASHTON, a member through Honolulu today on his way to New South Wales of which he was formerly minister of lands. He has been on an extended trip abroad.

MR. A. MCG. ORMISTON and Mrs. Ormiston departed for the Coast on the Wilhelmina this morning. They will be away for several weeks, visiting relatives in different parts of California, and will also take in the exposition.

FLOYD E. MATSON of the Star-Bulletin editorial staff sailed on the steamer Niagara today for an extended tour of Australia. He expects to visit the Philippines, China and Japan before returning to Hawaii, which will not be for three or four months.

MRS. H. A. ISENBERG will arrive in the Korea on Friday with Master Alexander. Her other son, who is at school in the East, will spend his vacation here. Mrs. Isenberg will be at the Pleasanton for a few weeks and then at her brother's home in Kahili for the summer.

W. M. PINKERTON, 72 years of age and six feet two inches in height, proved about the huskiest passenger on the liner Niagara on her trip from Victoria, winning easily in contests of athletic skill and strength. He has been away from Australia for 49 years and is now on his way back with his daughter, Miss J. Pinkerton.

HAILETT E. ABEND, well-known newspaperman of San Francisco and the Northwest, arrived on the liner Niagara this morning to join the Star-Bulletin editorial staff. He has had wide experience in the newspaper field, having served as telegraph and city editor for the Spokane Chronicle and more recently has been connected with the Spokane Chamber of Commerce as an expert publicity man.

LEAGUE TO MAKE DEFENSE TOPIC OF LEGISLATION

BY C. S. ALBERT.

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—A letter which was received today by members of congress in Washington indicates that the National Security League intends to make an aggressive fight for national defense legislation at the approaching session of congress. There is no threat in the letter but it is evident from the tone of the letter, which is signed by S. Stanwood Menken of New York, president of the league, that the organization is thoroughly in earnest and intends to make a strong appeal for action by congress at the approaching session.

The letter starts with a polite request that the senators and representatives become members of the National Security League, the work of which, it is asserted, is "strictly non-partisan." After appealing to the members for their support the letter says: "If unable to give your personal support we respectfully ask you for a reply expressing your position as regards our program."

In the meantime the work of organizing branches of the American National Security League is being pushed vigorously throughout the country. A New England branch has been established with headquarters at Boston and such prominent men as the present governor of Massachusetts, the mayor of Boston, and form-

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er Secretary of the Navy George von L. Meyer, have become identified with it. As soon as the organization in New England is perfected the work will be pushed westward and southward to cover the entire country.

A dandy went into a photographer's in a country town to get his photo taken. When the job was done he refused to pay on the ground that the picture was not like him. "All right," said Pat, "leave it there." Next day he was passing the place and saw his picture in a showcase, and under it were the words in big letters: "The ugliest mug in town." He rushed in and abused Pat. "But, me man," said Pat, "yesterday ye said the picture was not like you, so you have no reason to complain." Pat sold the photo.

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